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SUBJ: ALLIED FLAG TOURS IN EAST BERLIN

REFS: A) BONN 2236; B) STATE 28341; C) USBERLIN 0358

1. WE ARE SATISFIED THAT US FLAG TOURS DO NOT PHOTOGRAPH
COMINGS AND GOINGS AT SOVIET EMBASSY. THEREFORE WE WILL
MAKE APPROACH AS SUGGESTED REF A. AND APPROVED REF B.

2. AS MENTIONED REF C, PARA 8, FLAG TOURS RARELY TAKE
CAMERAS TO EAST BERLIN. IN FACT, THEY HAVE ONLY DONE SO
TWICE SINCE OCTOBER. PERSONAL CAMERAS MAY NOT BE CARRIED.
ON ONE OCCASION ON NOV 6, PHOTOGRAPHS WERE TAKEN OF THE
SOVIET EMBASSY BUILDING. THIS PHOTOGRAPHY WAS PART OF A COORDINATED
ALLIED PROGRAM TO UPDATE THE CATALOG OF INSTALLATIONS IN EAST
BERLIN WHICH ARE OF INTEREST TO THE ALLIED INTELLIGENCE
COMMUNITY. PHOTOGRAPHY FOR THIS PURPOSE IS INFREQUENT;
FOR EXAMPLE, PREVIOUS US CATALOG OF PHOTOGRAPHS WAS MADE
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3. WE INTEND TO INFORM ALLIES OF OUR PROPOSED REMARKS
BUT WE DO NOT PLAN TO SEEK A FORMAL CONCURRENCE OR TO
REQUEST THAT THEY ASSOCIATE THEMSELVES WITH OUR REMARKS.
WE THINK THIS ARRANGEMENT WOULD GIVE OUR COMMENTS TOO
STRUCTURED A CAST AND MIGHT INVITE A FORMAL SOVIET RESPONSE.
FOR SAME REASON WE WILL CONFINE OURSELVES TO COMMENTING ON US FLAG

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